

## BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES

**NOTICE TO TEACHERS:**—Public Examinations for the benefit of those persons desiring to teach in Bates county, will be held on the 3d Saturday of each month in the Ohio street school house, Butler, Mo., and on the 1st Saturday of each month in the West side school house, Rich Hill, Mo., the examination commencing each day at 9 o'clock, A. M.

W. W. GRAVES,  
County School Commissioner.

### LOCAL ITEMS

The Butler Woolen Mills will be started up this week.

Butler was overflowing with grangers Saturday.

Samuel Levy has returned home from his trip to New York.

County court met on Monday, all members present.

Wiley Adams, living near the depot, lost a very fine mare Sunday evening.

Clean up the streets and alleys. Too much filth breeds disease.

R. Weil, of St. Louis, is spending a few days in the city looking after his interests.

Judge A. Neptune, of Rich Hill, spent Saturday in the city and gave the booming TIMES a pleasant call.

T. F. Blankenship, of Shobe, while in the city Saturday, gave the TIMES a pleasant and substantial call.

J. D. Burk, one of the prominent farmers of Charlotte township, while in the city Saturday favored the booming TIMES.

Capt. Tygard left the first of the week for St. Louis, to attend the meeting of the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Missouri.

Mrs. Day, wife of A. C. Day, of West Point township, died at her home Thursday and was buried Friday evening.

Wm. Page and Aaron Hart leave today for St. Louis, to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

All pull together for the Chicago, Ft. Scott and Texas, and the St. Louis & Colorado. Get your coats off boys, enterprise moves the world.

Wife—"Am I as dear to you, John, as I was before we were married?" Husband (with a sigh)—"Yes, a good deal dearer."—N. Y. Sun.

The Foster Free Press has put on the "golden slippers" and will seek pastures greener. Insufficient support is alleged to be the cause.

James Brough was setting up the cigars all day Tuesday over the arrival of a brand new boy at his house Monday, and was just as happy as a big sun flower.

Miss Bora Sullivan, daughter of a wealthy citizen of Montgomery City, Mo., committed suicide at the Protestant hospital in St. Louis on the 4th inst.

Teacher (in geography class)—"What is a desert?" Young Student—"Don't know, mum. I always eat at the second table."—Woman's Journal.

J. W. Redmon, of old Summit and one of the TIMES' most substantial friends, called Saturday and had the figures on the margin of his paper set up another year.

Mrs. D. V. Brown is visiting friends in the western part of the county this week, consequently the Judge has a forlorn cast on his countenance.

Sam Levy and his beautiful young bride arrived in Butler Monday evening where they expect to make their future home. The TIMES with a host of friends welcome them to their new home.

Sheriff Glazebrook has been busy this week summoning the grand and petit jurors for the June term of circuit court. He thinks the docket will be light this term as few new suits have been brought and Judge DeArmond made almost a clean sweep of the old docket at the last term of court.

To keep the flies out of your house this summer go to J. H. Sisson's and buy your screen wire.

Harlan Turner will leave this week for Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, on a few weeks visit. While there he will attend the great races at Lexington.

A tree excursion train left Kansas City Tuesday morning for Emporia, Kansas. The excursion was gotten up by the citizens of Emporia as an advertising boom for the town.

W. S. Mudd, clerk and assessor of East Boone township, while in the city Saturday attending a meeting of the assessors of the county at the court house, gave us a pleasant call.

Foster has become a cold water town. The citizens, or enough of them to stop the traffic, refused to sign petitions and the saloon man was forced to submit to the will of the majority.

I. N. Layman, a prosperous farmer of near Adrian, and one of the very oldest subscribers to the booming TIMES, called while in the city Saturday and again renewed for another year. Such friends are highly appreciated.

Lewis Hoffman left for St. Louis Monday night to attend the wool growers convention which meets in that city this week. Lewis is a rustler and never loses an opportunity to take in all pointers relative to his business.

Chris Smith, living about four miles east of Butler is the happiest man in Bates county, all over the arrival of twin boys at his house Sunday night. The TIMES suggests that he name them Cleveland and Carlisle.

Robt. Walters, of the Rich Hill Review, was in the city Thursday last on business, and gave the booming TIMES a pleasant call. There are few more genial fellows than Bob and none more welcome to a seat in the soft chair that ornaments our sanctum.

The wheels of the Butler Woolen Mills are again in motion. Mr. J. Fisher, the proprietor, started up last week and has everything in apple pie order, to receive your wool and do your carding on short notice. Read his advertisement in another column and give him a call.

Our old time and esteemed friend, S. M. Talbott, of Foster, while in town Saturday, gave us a pleasant call. He is engaged in milling, grain shipping, and is also handling coal. He informs us he is doing well and expects his business to greatly increase if crops are good this season. He is a royal good fellow and the TIMES is pleased to see him prosper.

We are glad to note that the members of the Christian church have secured the services of Elder E. C. Browning, of Palmyra, this state, to preach for them the coming year. Mr. Browning stands high in the church as a preacher and is highly recommended. He will preach his first sermon at the church Sunday the 22d.

When a stranger comes to Butler, take him by the hand, make him feel welcome, introduce him to everybody, put in a good word for the town and county, make him believe we are the most sociable people on earth, tackle him to come and locate with us, and if he goes away treat him so nice he will have a longing to get back, if he never comes he will advertise by always speaking a good word for our town and people.

Wesley Warnock returned home from Kentucky the latter part of last week and brought with him a thousand dollar jack. Those who have seen it pronounce it a magnificent specimen of its kind. This makes four or five high bred and high priced jacks shipped to this county this season from Kentucky. H. P. Nickell has one, W. F. Hanks another, and now Mr. Warnock comes with the third. Fine stock and big mules is what we want.

If the liver and kidneys are sluggish and inactive, Hood's Sarsaparilla will rouse them to prompt and regular action. Take it now.

Henry county will vote on the proposition to build a new court house at Clinton the 28th of this month. We fear the present proposition will be voted down as there seems to be so many objections to the present plans.

The citizens of Clinton have contracted with the Well Augur Co., of Ithaca, N. Y., to sink two wells in or near that city in search of gas. The company contract to bore 300 feet, and 1,000 if desired, for the sum of \$2,500. Work is to be commenced on or before June 1st, 1887.

Deputy sheriff Ewing, Thursday last, transported to Clinton jail, Alex. Prine and Perry Gregory. Prine is one of the three men that robbed Mart Owens, and Gregory is the man who forged the note on F. M. Allen, at Foster, a few days ago.

Miss Rena Hill, an accomplished young lady of Kansas City, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Garnet, west of town, for the past five weeks, returned to the city Monday evening with her father, Mr. John Tuttle, who came down Sunday morning.

Miss Rena made a host of friends while here whose best wishes go with her.

Prof. Reiser will not apply for a position in the public schools next year. He has been engaged by Mr. John T. Smith to take charge of the collection department of his law office and will engage in this business. He will be missed in the public schools, as he has for over a year conducted the schools at the east school building with entire satisfaction to the patrons and the board.

Mayor Hickman read a communication before the council Thursday last asking aid for the cyclone sufferers of Prescott, the small town almost entirely destroyed by the winds week before last. The communication was signed by a number of prominent citizens of the above place, and while the council deeply sympathized with the unfortunate people they did not feel they were authorized to appropriate the public's money in acts of charity.

The prominent citizens of Clinton seem to vary materially in regard to the present plans submitted for a new court house at that place to cost fifty thousand dollars, if their language is correctly reported in the Advocate. Some want the building to front four ways, others to stand as it is, others want a much costlier building and there are still others who don't seem to know what they want, and unless they can harmonize the consequences will be no court house.

The stone-work on the new west school building was completed last week and the brick masons are now busy at work. The rock work seems to be substantially done and about the only objections is the roughness of the exterior, the rock having been put in the wall just as they were taken from the quarry, but we understand this objection will be overcome by the Board giving the wall a heavy coating of cement after the building has been completed. Next to the foundation the brick work is the most important part of the building and we think it is due the tax-payers that the Board, in whose care and keeping this piece of public work has been placed, should look after this part of the building with the closest scrutiny. A visit to the building the other day convinced us that there was already on the ground two or three piles of brick totally unfit to be placed in the walls, they are very soft and look as though they were the outside tier of a fresh burnt kiln. The TIMES having the utmost confidence in the present Board has no desire to find fault, but at the same time we feel a deep interest in the erection of this building, and feel it is our duty to point out the weak points and call attention to them that the Board may look into the suggestions and weigh them for what they are worth. The time to make corrections is while the work progresses not after it has been finished.

### BELL'S MILL HORROR!

Graves Being Desecrated in Search of Gold.

An Old Tradition Leads to Ghoulish Practices.

In 1861 or '62, so tradition runs, two men and a woman, in possession of about \$8,000 in gold and silver, were being hotly pursued by marauders that then infested the border counties of Missouri. After crossing the Miami creek in Bates county going south, they were overtaken and one of the men killed. The remaining man and woman pushed on to old Burnett's Ford, on the Marias des Cygne river, the present site of Bell's mill bridge, where they concluded to bury their treasure. They turned down the river on the north bank and the man carried the money off and buried it, returning they continued their flight toward Rockville, but he was killed before reaching that place. Before dying he told his companion that he had buried the money in an old grave which was marked with a sandrock headstone.

Within the past few weeks this old tradition has been revived and that burning desire for riches innate in the average human breast, has fired the denizens of that locality to fever heat, and, as a consequence it is the leading topic by day, and by night raids are made upon the grave yards, two of which are located in that neighborhood, 1 3/4 of a mile northeast of Dickey's lake, the other 3 or 4 hundred yards northwest. Dozens of graves have been dug into and the bones of the silent sleepers brought to light. This is a nightly occurrence, and so eager are these fortune hunters to discover the treasure that no grave is too sacred for their ghoulish practices.

They have begun to suspect one another of discovering the treasure and keeping the secret until a man can not branch out in business and show a spirit of enterprise and prosperity without the object of suspicion by his neighbors. Mr. B. L. Poston has been trading in cattle and mules of late and purchased a piece of land, and, of course, he is accused of finding the treasure. Peter Halter, a promising farmer in West Point township, who used to live in that neighborhood, is not above suspicion, as a marked era of prosperity has attended him since he moved away. One gentleman, Mr. James McCown, watches the grave of his beloved brother, and threatens dire vengeance upon any one who dares to desecrate that spot.

This is a disgraceful state of affairs and the men who are doing this work are laying themselves liable to indictment and prosecution, with the flattering prospect of a term in the pen before them.

### Farmer Fesses up.

Jas. Farmer, the young man now confined in our county jail charged with being implicated with Suttles and Prine in the robbery of Mart Owens' residence, opens his breast and makes a confession of the part he took. He says he was there, and so was Prine and Suttles. He also said they had white handkerchiefs over their faces, and that there was only one pistol in the crowd and Suttles carried that and intimidated the family while Prine searched the house.

When asked what they did with articles taken, he said they had no division, and that so far as he knew Prine retained in his possession everything they got and still has them. The following is his written confession, made in jail on the 6th and handed to us for publication.

To whom it may concern—Greeting:

This is to certify that I, James Farmer, was with Charles Suttles and Alex. Prine on the night of March 25, 1887, and was induced by them to drink whisky and take part in robbing Mart Owens, all of which I confess, and place myself at the mercy of the court.

JAMES FARMER,

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